

REMARKS

In the foregoing amendments, claims 1-26 have been canceled and new claims 27-52 have been added. Claims 27-52 are now pending in the present application.

Claims 1-5 and 7-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being unpatentable over *Parker et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,243,843) in view of *Beausang et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,012,155). Also, claims 6 and 10-26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being unpatentable over *Parker et al.* in view of *Beausang et al.*, and further in view of Applicant's admitted prior art.

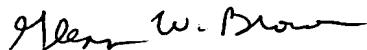
Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections. However, in order to more clearly define the aspects of Applicant's invention, claims 1-26 have been canceled and new claims 27-52 have been added by amendment herein. Entry of this amendment after final is respectfully requested. Because of the cancellation of claims 1-26, the 35 U.S.C. §103 rejections, as stated above, have been rendered moot.

Applicant submits that the pending claims include aspects that are neither taught nor suggested by the prior art of record. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner kindly allow the pending claims and pass the present application to issue.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully submits that all rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the pending claims 27-52 are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (770) 933-9500.

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